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SARL HF Field Day

Twenty logs made their way to the Contest Committee for the first leg of the SARL HF Field Day held in February. Nineteen logs were contest logs with the log of ZS6LRK, Lichtenburg ARC as a check log.

The guys and girls from the Sandton ARC made a great weekend of the event and you can read all about it in the March 2009 issue of Dipole, their club magazine - some nice photos as well. I see they also resort to traditional weapons to get a line into a tree for the antennas - the good old catapult or kattiel!

Thank you to everybody who participated.

A big **Thank You** to those who submitted a log and summary sheet and well done to the winners of the different categories.

High Power Category

- 1st Cape Town ARS, ZS1CT, 19 944 points - Multi operator field
- 2nd Magalies ARK, ZS6MRK, 18 012 points - Multi operator field
- 3rd Tienie Herbst, ZS6MHH, 15 348 points - Single operator field
- 4th Midlands ARC and Highway ARC, ZS5PMB, 14 964 points - multi operator field
- 5th Francois Muller, ZS6M, 13 760 points - Single operator field
- 6th Bradley Glen, ZS5BG, 5 016 points - General station
- 7th Pieter Bosman, ZS3AOR, 3 504 points - General station
- 8th Johan de Wit, ZR5JF, 5 328 points - Single operator field

Low Power category

- 1st West Rand ARC, ZS6WR, 64 312 points - Multi operator field
- 2nd Boland ARC, ZS1TB, 60 736 points - Multi operator field
- 3rd Sandton ARC, ZS6STN, 44 832 points - Multi operator field
- 4th Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK, 38 904 points - Multi operator field
- 5th Philip Esterhuizen, ZU4PE, 33 096 points - General station
- 6th Mitchel Mynhardt, ZU6M, 26 224 points - General station
- 7th Jan Coetzee, ZS5JC, 19 080 points - Multi operator field
- 8th Warren Snyders, ZR5WOZ, 17 904 points - General station (now ZS5WOZ)

QRP category

- 1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 92 400 points - Single operator field
- 2nd Pierre van Deventer, ZS6BB, 38 052 - Single operator field
- 3rd Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, 37 782 points - General station

March

- 1 SARL Hamnet 40 metre Contest; CQ 160 m SSB
- 2 Closing date HF Field Day logs
- 7 ARRL International DX SSB; PIC Course at NARC; PARC Mega Flea Market
- 8 Argus Cycle Tour; ARRL International DX SSB; DARC 10 m Digital
- 14 RSGB Commonwealth contest: AGCW QRP contest
- 15 RSGB Commonwealth contest; North American Spring RTTY
- 16 Closing date Hamnet logs
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 20 - 22 SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest
- 21 Human Rights Day
- 21 - 22 SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest
- 23 World Meteorological Day
- 27 Schools close - inland
- 28 - 29 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest



Or a different layout

Multi operator field

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- 2nd Boland ARC, ZS1TB, 60 736 points LP
- 3rd Sandton ARC, ZS6STN, 44 832 points LP
- 4th Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK, 38 904 points LP
- 5th Cape Town ARS, ZS1CT, 19 944 points HP
- 6th Jan Coetzee, ZS5JC, 19 080 points LP
- 7th Magalies ARK, ZS6MRK, 18 012 points HP
- 8th Midlands ARC and Highway ARC, ZS5PMB, 14 964 points HP

Single operator field

- 1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 92 400 points QRP
- 2nd Pierre van Deventer, ZS6BB, 38 052 POINTS QRP
- 3rd Tienie Herbst, ZS6MHH, 15 348 points HP
- 4th Francois Muller, ZS6M, 13 760 points HP
- 5th Johan de Wit, ZR5JF, 5 328 points HP

General station

- 1st Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, 37 782 points QRP
- 2nd Philip Esterhuizen, ZU4PE, 33 096 points LP
- 3rd Mitchel Mynhardt, ZU6M, 26 224 points LP
- 4th Warren Snyders, ZR5WOZ, 17 904 points (now ZS5WOZ) LP
- 5th Bradley Glen, ZS5BG, 5 016 points HP
- 6th Pieter Bosman, ZS3AOR, 3 504 points HP

"Fun, but challenging band conditions." ZS4SRK; "Mabalingwe nature reserve KG45ad." ZS6BB; "Good contest - excellent activity on 40 and 80m." ZS6STN; "lekker kompetisie, soos gewoonlik rekenaar (RF I)probleme, volgende keer beter." ZS6WR

Where were points lost? Duplicate contacts not marked in the log. Call signs listed as worked, but the call sign cannot be found on the SARL database, e.g. ZR3TG - it should have been ZS3TG; you worked ZR6RPC but in your log, you have ZU6RPC.

Some stations forgot to give their location - e.g. 7P8DG operating from his home in Bloemfontein but not saying so (and I may be wrong, but this is not allowed - no reciprocal agreement with Lesotho yet!) ZS4BS operating from Venterstad and not signing /2. It has an effect on the scoring. However, if you worked ZS4PB in the contest, you may claim Area 3 - Pieter refuses to change his call to a ZS3 call for very valid reasons.

Do not contact the local not so active amateurs to give you contacts - they tend not to work other stations and you end up with a log having unique call signs - nobody else has them.

In the General Contest Rules, paragraph 4 and 5 state how your log should be submitted. Please do not send your log as a JPG file or as a PDF file. Also, have a look at paragraphs 11 and 12 of the General rules.

C91FC DXpedition

The C91FC DXpedition to Mozambique will take place from Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April 2009. The team will once again be lead by Philip, ON4AEO, who last year lead a team of opera-

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tors to Lesotho for the 7P8FC expedition. The team is made up of the following operators: Philip, ON4AEO, Kath, ON7BK, Sid, ZS6AYC, Adele, ZR6APT, Gert, ZS6GC, Lucas, ZS6ACT, Jan, ZS5JC, Deon, ZS6ABR, Jose', ON4CJK, Herman, ZS5LH and Steffi, ON3AEO.

The team hopes to be active on Phone, RTTY, PSK and CW on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. The QSL Manager is ON4CJK and you either can QSL via the bureau or direct. It is requested that direct cards must be accompanied with 1 IRC or 2 green stamps with a self addressed envelope, failing which cards will be returned via the bureau. The QSL address is Jose' Duyck, Molenakker 56, 8740 Egen, Belgium. More information regarding the expedition can be obtained from the C91FC web site at www.c91fc.be

DXCC News

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC Credit - K5D - Desecheo Island, 2009 Operation

DX News from Africa

Kenya, 5Z (HF and EME Op). Operators Eltje, PA3CEE, Rene, PE1L and Ronald, PA3EWP will be here and active between 1 and 12 April. Eltje and Rene are expected to be active as 5Z4EME on 2 metres and 70 cm EME. For 2 metres, they will be using two 10-element Yagis, a 400-watt amp and a preamp (there will be a smaller setup for 70 cm). Suggested frequencies for transmitting and receiving will be on 144.124 MHz, and on 144.084 MHz for Japan.

Ronald will be active on HF with the call 5Z4/PA3EWP using a Elecraft K2 with a home-made amplifier and vertical antennas for 40-10 meters. QSL 5Z4EME via Eltje, PA3CEE. QSL 5Z4/PA3EWP via Dennis, PA7FM. For complete details, please visit www.emelogger.com/kenya.

Central African Republic, TL. Christian, TLOA (ex-TZ9A and 5U5U), is now active from here. He has been very active on 17 metres, usually around 18150 kHz at various times. There has been some activity also on 20 and 80 metres SSB. QSL via his home call sign, direct to: Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, F-64990 Urcoit, France.

Madeira, CT3, AF-014. Helmut, CT3/DF7ZS, will be active from Madeira Island (DIP MA-001) from 24 - 31 Mar. QSL via home call (d/B).

Zambia, 9J. Gabriel, YO4HEK, will be here for one year and will be active as 9J2YO. Activity will be on all bands using CW, SSB and PSK31. Over the past week, Gabriel has been very active on 40 and 30 metres between 17:00 - 20:30 UTC. QSL via YO4ATW.

Morocco, CN IOTA AF-065. Alfredo, IK7JWX, informs that one more operator has been added to the Mogador Island DXpedition, 19 to 26 April. Ampelio, ISOAGY, will join the group and sign 5C2B. QSL via his home call sign. He also announced the following suggested frequencies:

CW - 1825, 3525, 7025, 10115, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24895 and 28025

SSB - 1845, 3775, 7055, 14255, 18145, 21255, 24955 and 28455

RTTY - 3585, 7040, 10145, 14085, 18100, 21085, 24920 and 28085

BPSK31 - 3595, 7040, 10145, 18100, 21075, 24915 and 28075 kHz

Activity will be on 2 m (SSB and MS) and 6 m - stand-by on sporadic E. The group is still looking for sponsors and donations. For details on how to help and updates, visit their Web page at <http://www.mogador2009.altervista.org>

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No QSL Manager. Larry, VQ9LA, wants everyone to know that he "DOES NOT" have a QSL Manager, and all QSL cards should be sent to the address listed under VQ9LA on QRZ.com.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 17 to 23 March 2009

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

00:30 - 02:30 UTC 19 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20m

Classes: none

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC No or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Key Type Mult: 2x if straight key, 1.5x if bug, 1x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23 March 2009

E-mail logs to: naqcc33[at]alltel[dot]net

Post log summary at:

<http://home.windstream.net/johnshan/sprintlog.html>

Mail logs to: John Shannon, K3WWP, 478 E. High St, Kittanning, PA 16201, USA

Find rules at:

www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/sprint200903.html

RSGB 80 m Club SSB Championship

20:00 - 21:30 UTC 19 Mar

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: none

Exchange: RS and Serial No

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: none

Score Calculation: see rules

Submit logs by: 26 March 2009

E-mail logs to:

ccssb[dot]logs[at]rsgbhfcc[dot]org

Upload log at:

www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl

Mail logs to: none

Find rules at:

www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/r80mcc.shtml

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 20 Mar

Mode: see rules

Bands: see rules

Classes: none

Exchange: see rules

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 March 2009

E-mail logs to: none

Post log summary at:

www.hornucopia.com/3830score/

Mail logs to: none

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm

Feld Hell Sprint

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 21 Mar

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: none

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: see rules

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: see rules

Bonus Points: see rules

Multipliers: Each state, province and country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults and bonus points

Submit logs by: 1 April 2009

E-mail logs to: none

Post log summary at:

www.bambinomusical.com/autolog.html

Mail logs to: none

Find rules at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests>

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10-10 International Mobile Contest

00:01 - 23:59 UTC 21 Mar

Mode: Any

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Individual; Club; QRP

Max power: QRP: 10 watts

Exchange: Name, state, province or country,
10-10 number and US, VE or county

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Counties

Score Calculation: Fixed: Total score = total
QSO points x total mults

Mobile: Total score = total QSO points x to-
tal mults and counties activated

Submit logs by: 4 April 2009

E-mail logs to:

tentencontest[at]roadrunner[dot]com

Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 131 Valencia
Lane, Statesville, NC 28625, USA

Find rules at:

[www.ten-
ten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRulesRevised.pdf](http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSOPartyRulesRevised.pdf)

BARTG HF RTTY Contest

02:00 UTC 21 Mar to 02:00 UTC 23 Mar

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op Expert All Band; Single
Op All Band; Single Op All Band 6 Hours;
Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-
Multi; SWL

Max operating hours: Single Op: 30 hours
with at least 3 hour rest period; Single Op 6
Hours: 6 hours; Multi-Op: 48 hours

Exchange: RST and Serial No. and 4-digit
time UTC

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: DXCC countries once per band;
JA, W, VE and VK areas once per band; Con-
tinents once regardless of band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total country/area mults x conti-
nents

Submit logs by: 1 May 2009

E-mail logs to:

ska[at]bartg[dot]demon[dot]co[dot]uk

Mail logs to: none

Find rules at:

[www.bartg.org.uk/contests/HF%20Rules%20
2009.pdf](http://www.bartg.org.uk/contests/HF%20Rules%202009.pdf)

Russian DX Contest

12:00 UTC 21 Mar to 12:00 UTC 22 Mar

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band Mixed QRP, Low
or High; Single Op All Band CW Low or High;
Single Op All Band SSB Low or High; Single
Op Single Band Mixed; Multi-Single; Multi-
Two; SWL

Exchange: Ru: RST and 2-character oblast;
non-Ru: RST and Serial No

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: Ru Stations: 2 points per QSO
with same country same continent; Ru Sta-
tions: 5 points per QSO with same country
different continent; Ru Stations: 3 points
per QSO with different country same conti-
nent; Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with
different continent; non-Ru Stations: 10
points per QSO with Ru station; non-Ru Sta-
tions: 2 points per QSO with same country;
non-Ru Stations: 3 points per QSO with dif-
ferent country same continent; non-Ru Sta-
tions: 5 points per QSO with different con-
tinent; 5 points per QSO with /MM

Multipliers: Each oblast once per band; Each
country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 May 2009

E-mail logs to: rdxcc[at]srr[dot]ru

Mail logs to: Russian DX Contest, PO Box 88,
119311 Moscow, Russia

Find rules at:

www.rdxcc.org/asp/pages/rulesg.asp

Oklahoma QSO Party

13:00 UTC 21 Mar to 01:00 UTC 22 Mar and
13:00 - 19:00 UTC 22 Mar

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op QRP/Low/High; Multi-
Single; Rover-Assisted; Rover-Unassisted

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts

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Exchange: OK: RST and County; non-OK: RST and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per Digital/CW QSO

Multipliers: OK: Each state, province, OK county once; non-OK: OK counties once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [logs\[at\]okdxa\[dot\]org](mailto:logs[at]okdxa[dot]org)

Mail logs to: Oklahoma QSO Party, OK DX Association, PO Box 2591, Claremore, OK 74018-2591, USA

Find rules at:

<http://okdxa.org/web/html/rules09.htm>

North Dakota QSO Party

17:00 UTC 21 Mar to 01:00 UTC 22 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 m

Classes: Fixed; Mobile; Out of State

Exchange: ND: RST and County; non-ND: RST and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: ND Stations: each state, country and ND county once; Non-ND Stations: each ND county once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 1 May 2009

E-mail logs to: [KOLN\[at\]srt\[dot\]com](mailto:KOLN[at]srt[dot]com)

Mail logs to: NDRA, c/o Lynn Nelson, KOLN, 6940 4th St. SW, Minot, ND 58701, USA

Find rules at:

www.qsl.net/svarc/ndqso09.htm

Virginia QSO Party

18:00 UTC 21 Mar to 01:00 UTC 23 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op; Mobile; Club; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; Expedition

Exchange: VA: Serial No and county; non-VA: Serial No and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

Score Calculation: see rules

Submit logs by: April 15, 2009

E-mail logs to: [vqp\[at\]verizon\[dot\]net](mailto:vqp[at]verizon[dot]net)

Mail logs to: VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167, USA

Find rules at:

www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2009_VQP/2009_VQP_Rules.html

9K 15-Metre Contest

12:00 - 16:00 UTC 22 Mar

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 15 m Only

Classes: Single Op SSB; Single Op CW

Exchange: RST and Serial No

Work stations: Once

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once; Each 9K station once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 21 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [9k2rr\[at\]9kcc\[dot\]com](mailto:9k2rr[at]9kcc[dot]com)

Mail logs to: Faisal N. Al-Ajmi, 9K2RR, PO Box 1124, Alfarwanya 80000, Kuwait

Find rules at:

www.9k2hn.com/9kcc/9KCCRule.htm

QRP Homebrewer Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 Mar

Mode: CW, PSK31

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: none

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power out

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with commercial equipment; 3 points per QSO with homebrew xmtr or rcvr; 4 points per QSO with homebrew xmtr and rcvr

Multipliers: Power: >5 W: x1, 1 - 5 W: x7, 250 mW - 1 W: x10, <250 mW: x15

States, provinces, countries once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power mult * total SPC mults

Submit logs by: 21 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [w2lj\[at\]verizon\[dot\]net](mailto:w2lj[at]verizon[dot]net)

Mail logs to: Larry Makoski, W2LJ, 327 Clinton Place, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, USA

Did you read the General Contest Rules before submitting you log?



Find rules at:

www.njgrp.org/data/qrphomebrewersprint.html

Next Week's Contests

SOC Marathon Sprint, 18:00 - 24:00 UTC 24 Mar

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 Mar

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 Mar

CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, 00:00 UTC 28 Mar to 23:59 UTC 29 Mar

SARL 80 metre QSO Party, 17:00 - 20:00 UTC 2 April

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